

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 25 | Year B

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PRELUDE | Lord Jesus Christ, be Present Now | J. S. Bach, b.1685

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT | JEREMIAH 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

THE RESPONSE | PSALM 126

In convertendo

- 1 **W**hen the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE EPISTLE | HEBREWS 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

THE GOSPEL | MARK 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE¹

Deacon Our faith is centered on Christ, who revealed to us the healing touch of God's justice and mercy. We now call on God to continue that same healing and justice in our lives and in our world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

May the leaders of governments see the needs of the oppressed and respond in justice. For this we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

May ministers continue Christ's mission of healing for all that is blind in their communities. For this we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

May those who are in need of healing find in Christ a source of strength in their struggles. For this we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

May those who cannot discover ways to be of service be challenged in their lives of faith. For this we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

For what else shall we pray and give thanks?

The people may add their own prayers aloud or in silence.

For this we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

May those who have died live eternally in the presence of God, in whom all find comfort and peace. For this we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Almighty God, we seek your face in our lives. Touch us with your Spirit of justice and healing, through Christ your Son, in whom we pray. **Amen.**

1. From: Ramshaw, Gail. 1988. *Intercessions for the Christian People: Prayers of the People for Cycles A, B, and C of the Roman, Episcopal, and Lutheran Lectionaries.* Pueblo Pub. Co.

OFFERTORY | Hymn 55: Restoration | Tom Payne, dulcimer

POSTLUDE | Hymn 657: Hyfrodol | R. V. Williams, b.1872

Parish Events | See our newsletter, Tune-Up, for details

Online				In Person			
Oct. 24	10:30	Sunday School	Zoom	Oct. 23	17:30	Eucharist, Rt. II	Sanctuary
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Oct. 26	19:00	Bible Study	Zoom		9:15	Bible Study	Yellow Rm.
Oct. 27	19:00	Episcopal 101	Zoom		10:30	Eucharist, Rt. II	Sanctuary
Oct. 29	8:30	Silent Prayer	Zoom	Oct. 27	19:00	Episcopal 101	Yellow Rm.
				Oct. 29	9:30	Tai Chi	Parish Hall